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Inspection reports on district munsifs' courts by the district judges.

*247 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and if so which of the recommendations of the Civil Justice Delays Committee have been ordered to be adopted by the courts in the Presidency;

(*b*) whether the district judges have been ordered to note in their inspection reports of the courts of district munsifs if such recommendations are strictly followed in the latter;

(*c*) whether the inspection reports contain remarks relating to the observance or otherwise by the district munsifs of the recommendation of the Civil Justice Delays Committee; and

(*d*) whether any instances were brought to the notice of the Government or the High Court in which such recommendations have not been followed either by the district judges or by the munsifs?

A.—(*a*) The recommendations of the Civil Justice Committee for adoption by courts cover a very wide field. If the hon. Member will specify the recommendations, he will be furnished with the information desired.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No instance has been brought to the notice of Government.

Criminal Justice

Alleged looting in Arkonam market.

*248 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in June last there was looting in the market at Arkonam;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any information as to the causes of the looting; if so, whether they were economic or were due to mere rowdyism;

(*c*) whether the District Magistrate inspected the locality and if so, how many days after the incident; and

(*d*) why there was delay on the part of the District Magistrate in inspecting the scene of looting and taking necessary steps in the matter?

A.—(*a*) Government are aware that a disturbance took place.

(*b*) Yes. The disturbance was due to rowdyism.

(*c*) Yes, after three days.

(*d*) The District Magistrate was on tour and inspected the spot as soon as it was practicable for him to do so. There was no avoidable delay.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"Are the Government aware that the District Magistrate received a telegram at 5 p.m. and yet did not stir out of the camp till 10 a.m. the next day, although a serious riot was taking place not hundreds of miles off?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The premises are wrong. The riot was not taking place. In fact, there was no riot at all."

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Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Then, why does the Government give the answer ' Government are aware that a disturbance took place ' ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The answer says that there was only a *disturbance*."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is the hon. the Law Member aware that the sub-magistrate was reduced on account of this non-existing riot, if I may so put it ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There again the premises are wrong. The sub-magistrate was not reduced."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : —" What became of him ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" He was an acting man. After the disturbance, he was transferred to another place."

Forests

Development of the plywood and tea-chest industry.

*249 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken or are being taken to establish and develop the plywood and tea-chest industry from the woods available in the forests of this Presidency ; and

(*b*) whether any officer of the Forest Department has been or is to be deputed to be trained for the industry, and if so, who ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have sanctioned the proposal for the installation of an experimental three-ply plant in the Anamalais during 1928-29, and the question of purchasing the required machinery is engaging their attention.

(*b*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" In answer to clause (*a*), it is said, ' The Government have sanctioned the proposal for the installation of an experimental three-ply plant in the Anamalais.' May I know what the cost of this plant would be ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As far as I remember, it is very nearly a lakh."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether this plant is for the benefit of the planters only ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As far as I am aware, it is for the benefit of all."

Mr. T ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Is there any proposal to buy the plant from any particular firm or to advertise for it openly in the various markets ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" In fact, the proposals are under the consideration of the Chief Conservator of Forests."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know the reason why an officer of the Forest Department is not going to be trained for the industry as answered in clause (*b*) ? Will that not be profitable for the country ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I cannot give any reason, Sir."